

IN RECOGNITION OF DAN TERRY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I today honor of Dan Terry, who will be retiring this May after 31 years of service as president of the California Professional Firefighters, CPF, a statewide organization representing more than 30,000 career firefighters in over 150 affiliated local unions.

America's firefighters are the heroes of our times. We know that they are always going to be there protecting us through any challenge.

For more than three decades, as firefighters have protected us, Dan Terry has been protecting them. He has fought for safer working conditions and worked to increase firefighter education, training, and staffing.

Thanks largely to his extraordinary efforts, California firefighters are now covered by statewide legislation that guarantees binding interest arbitration, enhanced retirement benefits, survivor benefits, and firefighter illness presumption laws. Dan Terry has also fought to protect firefighters' right to earn overtime pay as well as disability and workers' compensation benefits.

A retired fire captain with more than 20 years of service on the front lines, Dan Terry was elected CPF president in May 1973. After 31 years in office, he remains passionate and dedicated to the cause of improving the lives of California firefighters and their families. Even after leaving the presidency of CPF, he will remain active in the organization and in the service of California families and the courageous firefighters who protect them every day.

On behalf of the people of California, I express our profound gratitude and admiration to Dan Terry for his outstanding service to our State. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6708. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pes-

ticide Tolerances Fees; Suspension of Collection" (FRL#7349-7) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6709. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of the Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the assessment of desktop computer management services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6710. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6711. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Department of the Army, Department Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a project for ecosystem restoration for Villas and Vicinity, Cape May County, New Jersey; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6712. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act within the Research and Education account and the Extension Activities account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6713. A communication from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of all expenditures during the period April 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003 from moneys appropriated to the Architect; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6714. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by Executive Order 12957 relative to the national emergency with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6715. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibiting Directed Fishing for Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6716. A communication from the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metal-Cored Candlewicks Containing Lead and Candles with Such Wicks" (68 FR 19142) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6717. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States Coast Guard's implementations of regulations under Public Law 104-55; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6718. A communication from the Under Secretary for Commerce and Industry, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Administration Regulations: Penalty Guidance in the Settlement of Administrative Enforcement Cases" (RIN0694-AC92) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6719. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Government's use of voluntary consensus standards; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6720. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Cirsium Loncholepis* (La Graciosa Thistle)" (RIN1018-AG88) received on March 15, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6721. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL#7628-3) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6722. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Approval of State Implementation Plan Revision to PM10 PSD Increments" (FRL#7625-3) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6723. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans: Kentucky Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference; Technical Correction" (FRL#7636-9) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6724. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL#7626-7) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6725. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community-Based Urban and Peri-Urban Drinking Water Capacity-Building in Africa" received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6726. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Plywood and Composite Wood Products; Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Timber Products Point Source Category List of Hazardous Air Pollutants; Lesser Quantity Designations, Source Category List" (FRL#7634-1) received on March 16, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 2223. A bill to expand the list of entities eligible to establish and maintain a qualified tuition program under section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2224. A bill to establish the Bleeding Kansas and the Enduring Struggle for Freedom National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. CAMPBELL):